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October 17, 2003

Mr. David Edwards, Director of Projects
Browning-Ferris Industries, Inc.
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Sylmar, CA 91342

Dear Mr. Edwards:

CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ORDER NO. R4-2003-0132, SUNSHINE CANYON CITY SIDE LANDFILL, SYLMAR, CALIFORNIA (File No. 58-076)

Enclosed is a Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) directing Browning-Ferris Industries of California, Inc., (BFI) to implement a Corrective Action Program (CAP) at the inactive Sunshine Canyon City Side Landfill. The CAP is required under title 27 of California Code of Regulations, (27 CCR), section 20385, following the implementation of an Evaluation Monitoring Program (EMP) that was required by this Regional Board in a previous CAO (No. R4-2002-0161), dated November 4, 2002. The EMP was required following the detection of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in groundwater monitoring well No. MW-10 at the City Side Landfill.

The CAP includes corrective measures such as the construction of an impermeable subsurface barrier (cutoff wall) across the mouth of the Sunshine Canyon, installation and operation of extraction wells to remove groundwater from behind the cutoff wall, upgrading and continuing operation of the existing groundwater extraction trench, ongoing upgrades and operation of landfill gas collection system, and modification of the groundwater monitoring system. It also includes requirements for the delineation and evaluation of 1,4-dioxane contamination that was recently detected in several groundwater monitoring wells at the site and the prompt final closure of the City Side Landfill.

As you know, the Regional Board is currently evaluating a permit application submitted by BFI for an expansion of the landfill. CAP measures have been included in tentative WDRs that were prepared for the proposed landfill expansion. However, at the September 11, 2003 Board meeting, the Board decided to postpone the ruling on the proposed landfill expansion for 60 days. Given the uncertainty regarding the Board's action on the tentative WDRs for the proposed landfill expansion and the fact that the CAP should be implemented as early as possible, a new CAO is being issued which requires a CAP.

The purpose of this CAO is to bring BFI into compliance with the requirements of 27 CCR. It should not be viewed as a indication of whether the Board will or will not approve the proposed landfill expansion. BFI is required to carry out the CAP measures regardless of whether the proposed landfill expansion is approved.

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The CAO is issued under section 13304 of the California Water Code (CWC). The Regional Board may impose civil penalties or seek injunctive relief in accordance with sections 13268, 13350 and 13385 of the CWC if BFI fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the CAO. We may also request the Attorney General to take the appropriate action against BFI, to include injunction and civil monetary remedies, pursuant to appropriate CWC sections, including, but not limited to sections 13304, 13350 and 13386.

Pursuant to section 13320 of the CWC, BFI may seek review of the CAO by filing a petition within 30 days of the date of the CAO with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). A petition must be sent to the SWRCB, P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812.

To save printing and postage costs, hardcopies of the CAO and the Monitoring and Report Program attached to the CAO are sent only to the addressee; however, anyone may obtain copies by contacting the Board staff listed below. These documents may also be downloaded from the Regional Board's website at: <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/~rwqcb4/>.

If you have any questions concerning this CAO, please contact Mr. Rodney Nelson at (213) 620-6119 or Dr. Wen Yang at (213) 620-2253.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Dennis A. Dickerson
Executive Officer

Enclosures

cc: See Mailing List

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